

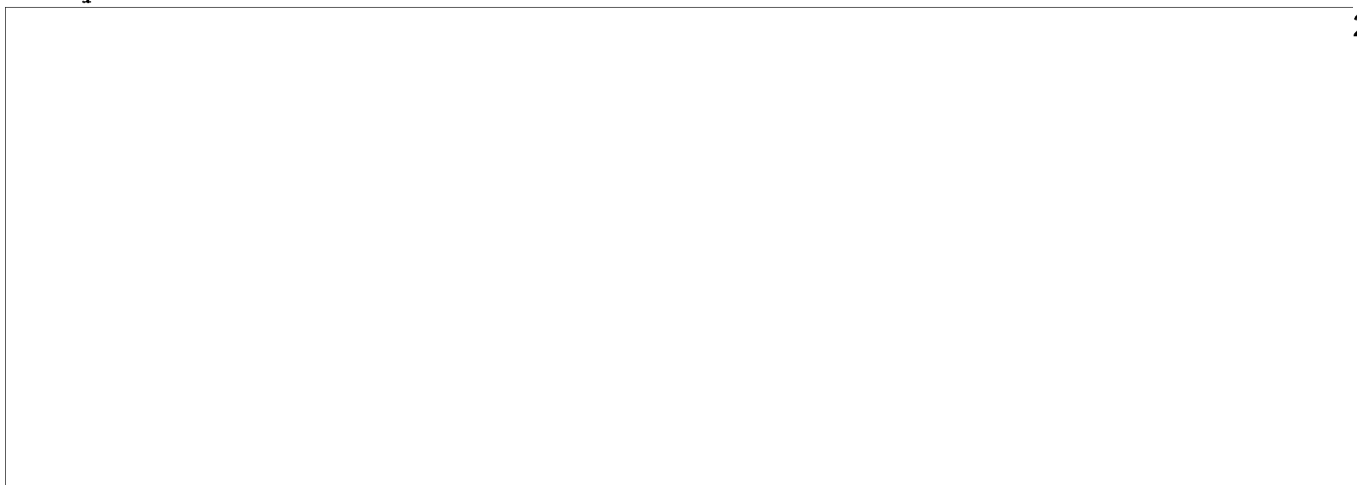
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1 October 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: David D. Gries *TV*
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI/DDCI Meeting with Chairman Stokes and Ranking
Minority Member Hyde of the House Intelligence Committee

The meeting took place over breakfast on 1 October. The Director hosted. Also attending were the Deputy Director; Tom Latimer, Staff Director; Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff Director; and myself.



Off-site Conference: The Director extended an invitation for the evening of 8 November to both Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde to attend the off-site conference of the Intelligence Community, which he said would convene [redacted] 8 and 9 November. Mr. Hyde said that he could attend on Monday morning, 9 November, provided he could find suitable transportation from Miami. Mr. Stokes consulted what appeared to be his appointment book but made no comment. (I will follow up with both.)



Sworn Testimony: The Director did not care greatly about being sworn because he always considered himself under oath when testifying before Congress. Others in the Intelligence Community felt differently, and the Director feared that, as a consequence,



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the level of candor which the Committee desired might be lost. Concern was running high in the Intelligence Community. Mr. Stokes appreciated the concern but explained that the Committee had expressed its own concerns when writing the letter about sworn testimony. These concerns grew out of situations where Agency witnesses displayed a lack of candor. Mr. Stokes agreed that swearing witnesses might not bring greater candor; however, the Committee was invoking Rule 4 as a way of saying that it had tried to induce candor without the oath, had failed, and now wanted to try to induce candor with the oath. Mr. Stokes hoped the problem of sworn testimony could be solved, and Mr. Hyde added his hope that the requirement would be levied sparingly.

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Embassy Security: Mr. Hyde expressed concern about embassy security, describing it as universally bad. He wondered whether the Department of State was competent to solve the problem. Did it have the will to do what needed to be done? Disclaiming detailed knowledge of the problem, he asked whether the Committee could help the Director in any way. The Director said he had similar concerns and had seen signs at State of trying to wiggle out of a tight spot by appearing conciliatory but perhaps without the will to finish the job. The intelligence community had studied the problem, the Director said, and had devised proposals for setting standards for property, people, and technical security. All three must march in tandem, for one weak link would undercut everything. The Director favored an independent unit appointed by the DCI and reporting not to State, but to an advisory board. The independent unit would be charged with setting standards for property, people and technical issues and then with monitoring compliance. The independent unit could withhold certification of an embassy if necessary. The Director and Secretary Schultz had written to the President directly, giving their views. In the main they agreed on solutions, but there were some areas of disagreement. Mr. Hyde urged the Director not to be influenced by the need for comity with the Secretary. The Deputy Director described his experience at hearings of the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee, at which Mr. Rogers had challenged the Agency's competence to learn what had been done to the embassy in Moscow and Mr. Smith had expressed uncertainty about solutions. Mr. Stokes said Mr. Smith had also expressed his concerns directly to him. It was concluded that there was value in presenting the House Intelligence Committee with a detailed briefing, perhaps with Mr. Smith in attendance. (House Division: please follow up.)

Woodward Book: Mr. Hyde asked whether the Agency was preparing an assessment of the damage. If so, could it be shared with the Committee? The Director said that it would take some time to prepare an assessment; we would be talking to the Committee about it as work went forth. Mr. Stokes believed the book would force the Committee to go over some areas again, such as the car bombing in Lebanon. Hearings should be anticipated. The Director noted the absence of sources for allegations made in the book.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Breakfast Meeting on 1 October with
Representatives Stokes and Hyde

Your regular monthly meeting with Representatives Louis Stokes (D., OH) and Henry Hyde (R., IL), the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the House Intelligence Committee respectively, is scheduled for 1 October at 0800 for breakfast in the Director's Dining Room. Also attending are Bob Gates and I and Tom Latimer and Tom Smeeton from the Committee staff.

A summary of the last meeting with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde is attached at Tab A.

Suggested talking points follow:

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-- Sworn Testimony: As you are aware, Mr. Stokes has announced his intention to enforce House Intelligence Committee Rule 4 -- honored in the breach until now -- that requires witnesses at hearings to testify under oath. All agencies in the Intelligence Community have been advised of this intention and have protested, mostly at staff level. I have expressed my concerns directly to Mr. Stokes as well as to Messrs. Hyde, McCurdy and Daniel. Although Mr. Stokes probably cannot be dissuaded, he appears to be interpreting Rule 4 narrowly as

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applicable mainly to covert action, and we are trying to encourage that interpretation. You may wish to voice your concerns to Mr. Stokes. Additional material appears at Tab B.

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-- Briefings on Arms Control Issues: We anticipate a flurry of requests for CIA briefings on arms controls verification and monitoring issues resulting from an expected US-USSR agreement on arms control. We are trying to limit briefings in the House to Members of committees concerned with foreign affairs issues and hope that Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde will support us.

The following items are for your background in case Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hyde raise them.

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-- H.R. 1013 - Stokes/Boland Bill: Although legislative recommendations from the Iran/Contra Joint Committee could preempt the ground, Mr. Stokes probably will continue to push H.R. 1013, which requires notification to the Intelligence Committees within 48 hours after the President has signed a Presidential Finding. The Senate Intelligence Committee is preparing similar legislation. We believe the present system is working and there is no need for additional legislation.

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The Agency has testified against H.R. 1013. As you know, the Administration has crafted National Security Study Directive 159 to preempt the House and Senate positions. The bill appears at Tab D.

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-- Personnel and Compensation Program: We have reached a tentative agreement with Senate and House Intelligence Committee staffers to invite the National Academy of Public Administrators (of which you are a member) to study our personnel system and our proposed changes in it. This represents a compromise between the House Committee's plan for a Presidential Commission to make a study and our preference for no study at all. Although the final National Academy report will not be ready until January, 1989, language will be included in the Intelligence Committee conference report which states that it is not the intention of Congress to slow personnel initiatives agencies deem necessary. We will be asked to identify our priority areas for implementation, and the National Academy will research these first and make recommendations.

-- Security Protective Officers Update: Mr. Stokes has shown a keen interest in efforts to recruit GSA Federal Protective Officers who are currently or were previously assigned to CIA facilities. We have received 45 applications from Federal Protective Officers in response to a special recruitment offer, and 40 of them have been scheduled for medical and security evaluations. Although evaluations are largely completed, determinations of acceptability have not yet been made in most cases. We have also sent 112 follow-up letters to Federal Protective Officers who did not respond to the initial letter. To date, five have successfully made the transition to Security Protective Officer. Additional material is at Tab E.

Attachments

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